

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Brian V. Kinney
Acting OSD Records Administrator
Department of Defense
Room 5C 315, The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The enclosed letter of 20 January 1984 from Historian, Defense Intelligence Agency, requests that we authorize his access to CIA-originated documents that may be in the files of former Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates. We understand that [] is carrying out research to be used in official DIA historical publications.

We also understand that the Defense Intelligence Agency will certify Top Secret and compartmented information clearances directly to you. We are therefore glad to authorize him access to all CIA-related material in Secretary Gates's OSD records at the level of his clearances or lower that is pertinent to the subject of his research.

We shall also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" to guide your office in handling these CIA documents. As indicated in paragraph three of this policy statement, [] is free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Office of the Secretary of Defense collects and sends these notes and copies to this office. After CIA review, we shall send [] the documents and notes released, and notify him (and you) of any material that cannot be released.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

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J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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Dr. Kenneth McDonald
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Dear Dr. McDonald:

This is a request for access approval to CIA-originated files that may be contained in the records of former Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates. I understand from the Acting OSD Records Administrator, Mr. Brian Kinney, that authorization from other agencies whose records are interfiled with those of OSD is necessary. My initial request to Mr. Kinney is attached as Enclosure 1, and it identifies my purpose in seeking this access as well as a summary of the subjects in which I am interested. Mr. Kinney's response is provided for your information as Enclosure 2. I may be contacted by telephone (695-9660) if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Historian

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